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ASSEMBLY GETS HEAVY BUDGET

Solons Get Down to Work After Appointment Of Committees

The General Assembly got down to business this week after the announcement of house committees by Speaker Ward and the receipt of the budget message from Governor Hoey and the advisory budget commission.

The two most important committees, finance and appropriations, are headed by W. E. Fenner, of Nash county, and John W. Coffey, of Guilford.

George B. Patton, representative from Macon county, was placed on five committees, as follows: Judiciary No. 2, Elections and Election Laws, Propositions and Grievances, Care of the Blind and House Journal.

The budget submitted is the highest in the history of the state, calling for \$154,514,899.00 for state expenditures for the next two years. The budget provides for the transfer of the equivalent of the three per cent sales tax from the highway fund to the general fund, the policy which has been followed heretofore. Unless this is done it is claimed that it will be necessary to raise \$5,000,000 elsewhere.

Liquor Looms As Big Issue

Addition of a 12th grade to North Carolina's public school system and a salary increase may be financed by approximately doubling the existing state taxes on beer and liquor, it was learned.

The proposed increases, it was said, were viewed favorably by Governor Hoey. The governor declined to comment on the question, however, except to say that he hoped some method could be found to finance the 12th grade and a salary increase.

Meanwhile, prohibitionists were organizing their ranks for an offensive along the entire liquor front, and members of the United Dry Forces said the legislators would be asked to authorize a state vote on intoxicants.

Many Committees for Morpheus

Senator Morpheus of the 33rd district was given the chairmanship of the senate Election Laws committee and appointed as a member of 17 other committees of that body. He will be one of the busiest members of the upper house during the session.

Little Dorothy West Passes Friday, January 6

Dorothy West, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jud West, died at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 6, at the home of her parents on Green street. The child had been ill for a month with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Franklin Baptist church with the Rev. C. F. Rogers officiating. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by two sisters, Mary Louise and Blanche West, and a brother, A. J. West, Jr. Also two half brothers, Daniel West, of Asheville, and J. L. West, of North Wilkesboro.

Square Dance To Be Given Saturday Night

Lester Arnold, chairman for Franklin for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, announces that a square dance will be given at the school auditorium on next Saturday night from 8 to 12, for the benefit of the Foundation.

There will be plenty of good music and an enjoyable time is promised to all who attend.

Admission will be 50 cents for men, with ladies free. Everybody invited.

Health Board

Reelects Dr. Rogers As County Physician

The Macon county board of health held a meeting Monday morning in the office of M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, and reelected Dr. W. A. Rogers as county physician. The board also voted unanimously for Dr. C. N. Sisk, of Waynesville, to be retained as district health officer for the counties of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon and Transylvania.

The county board of health consists of six members, as follows:

Frank I. Murray, chairman board of county commissioners; M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools; Guy L. Houk, mayor of Franklin; Drs. H. T. Horsley, Frank M. Killian and J. L. West. The three first named are members ex officio.

In addition to the county physician, Macon county maintains the health department in the Higdon building which includes the offices of H. H. Plemmons, sanitary officer; Miss Josephine Dixon, health nurse, and Dr. P. G. Padgett, assistant district health officer, who serves Macon and Swain counties.

DEATH CLAIMS JAMES E. CABE

Citizen Of Otto Section Passes At Home Last Friday

James Elgar (Dick) Cabe, 36, died at his home near Otto on Friday, January 6, at 10 o'clock a. m., of acute Bright's disease after an illness of seven days.

Mr. Cabe was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cabe, and was born April 2, 1902. He was unmarried and had lived near Otto all of his life.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 10 a. m., at the Asbury Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Swain, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were cousins, David McClure, Roy and Ras Cabe, Junior McDowell, Norman and Tommie Lee Cabe.

Surviving are his sister, Miss Pearl Cabe, and his stepmother, Mrs. Martha Cabe, both of Otto.

Legion To Meet Saturday, January 21

The regular meeting of the American Legion will be held at the Legion hall at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, January 21. At this meeting a squadron of the Sons of the American Legion will be formed, it was announced by John Wasilik, Jr., commander of Macon County Post, No. 108.

All legionnaires will, therefore, please bring their sons with them.

Little Helen Williams Seriously Burned

Little Helen Williams, five-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. G. Williams, was seriously burned one day last week when her clothing became ignited while she stood in front of an open grate.

Several children were playing in the yard and Helen became chilled and went into the house to get warm. She stepped too close to the fire and the flames touched her dress and spread instantly. Her older sister, Louise, who was standing close by, showed rare presence of mind by grasping Helen's clothes and rolling them over her head and throwing them aside, thus saving her little sister from being burned to death.

Dr. Williams states that the little girl, while suffering severely from deep burns on her back, is progressing favorably and will probably be out again within a few weeks.

RELIEF BILL BEFORE HOUSE

Deficiency Measure May Be Sent To Senate This Week

The interest of the country centers this week upon the proceedings of the house of representatives in Washington where the deficiency relief bill is being considered.

The measure is scheduled to be reported out of committee today (Thursday) and house leaders hope to force a final vote this week.

The President asked for \$875,000,000 to carry the WPA and other relief agencies through to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and also issued an executive order placing 33,000 WPA administrative workers under civil service.

The house committee lopped \$150,000,000 from the bill and also blocked the President's civil service order, and the bill now goes before the house for debate and amendments. Administration leaders hope to put the measure through carrying the full amount asked by President Roosevelt, and are relying upon the pressure being brought upon the members by a deluge of telegrams and letters from state and municipal officials urging that the appropriation be made as large or larger than the President suggested.

President Roosevelt has warned the members that human misery would follow if relief work had to be curtailed, and that congress would have to accept the responsibility.

Many amendments will be offered to increase the appropriation, and attempts will be made to cut it, but it is thought that administration forces on the floor will be strong enough to put it over without drastic changes.

Mrs. Vinson Dies At Otto Wednesday

As we go to press, we learn of the death of Mrs. Lucinda Greene Vinson, widow of the late Barzelia L. Vinson, of Otto.

Mrs. Vinson died Wednesday morning at 5:30 and funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Coweta Baptist church.

Further details will be given in next week's Press.

P.-T. A. To Meet On January 16

The Franklin P.-T. A. will meet at 3:30 on Monday afternoon, January 16, in the high school auditorium, it has been announced by Mrs. H. E. Church, chairman of the program committee.

The Rev. Frank Bloxham will speak on the social activities for young people and Mrs. Helen Macon, a member of the school faculty, will speak on legislation for child welfare.

A program will also be rendered by children from one of the third grade rooms.

Bunco Party To Be Held January 18

A Bunco party will be held Wednesday night, January 18, at 7:30 at the American Legion hall for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Prizes will be given and the usual price of 25 cents will be charged for admission.

Dr. Killian Goes On Vacation Trip

Dr. Frank M. Killian, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Franklin, left this (Thursday) morning to attend clinics in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Killian will spend the rest of this month vacationing in South-west Texas before returning to his office on the first of February.

Campaign

Under Way in County For Paralysis Fund

A note of genuine optimism was sounded this week for those afflicted with that dread disease, infantile paralysis.

"Physicians tell us," said C. C. Potts, chairman for this county in the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, "that medical science is making slow but definite progress in combating this disease, which attacks children without warning."

"Progress in methods of after-treatment," the chairman explained, "represents only one part of the campaign. Through the research sponsored by the national foundation, it is hoped that positive results will be obtained soon in the search for means to prevent the disease which strikes in wave after wave of epidemics. Heretofore no one knew when or where it would strike next, or whose child would be its victim. Sometimes, it even strikes down adults in the prime of life."

"It is to carry on this research work, as well as to relieve the suffering of those afflicted in this county that the present campaign is being waged. Half of all funds collected in this drive will stay right here in the county, in the hands of a permanent local committee, while the other half goes to the national foundation."

"This campaign is to be carried on all during this month with the march of dimes drive beginning January 16, and lasting the rest of the month. The boxes for dimes have been placed in stores and other places in the county, and a good return is expected from this source."

"All the community chairmen are requested to give some kind of entertainment during the month, such as box suppers, school entertainments, dances, etc., and all work together to make a report from Macon county that we all can be proud of as well as to have a fund here that can help some child that might be stricken with this dread disease."

FRANKLIN BANK PAYS DIVIDEND

Officers And Directors Also Reelected At Meeting Jan. 4

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Franklin held on Wednesday, January 4, all officers and directors were reelected for another year, and a cash dividend of 10 per cent was declared.

The officers and directors are as follows:

President, Dr. W. A. Rogers.
Vice-president, M. D. Billings.
Cashier, H. W. Cabe.
Assistant cashier, L. B. Liner.
Directors, C. F. Moody, chairman; M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, W. A. Rogers, M. D. Billings, Grover Jamison and R. S. Jones.

Officers of the bank stated that 1938 was a good year for the bank, and that the beginning of 1939 found the institution in splendid condition, so that a dividend of 10 per cent could be paid to stockholders and leave a substantial amount to be passed to surplus.

C. Tom Bryson Joins Burrell Staff

C. Tom Bryson has accepted a position on the sales staff of the Burrell Motor company. Mr. Bryson has been in Atlanta for the past several days attending sales meetings of the Chevrolet company there. After his return here he will sell both new and used cars.

He will be glad to have his friends call and see him at his new location.

FRANKLIN GETS WPA ALLOTMENT

Sum Of \$37,492 Approved For Work On Streets And Sidewalks

The Press received Wednesday night, through the office of Congressman Zebulon Weaver in Washington, notice that a WPA allotment of \$37,492 had been made to the town of Franklin for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks of the town.

The order states that no taxes or assessments shall be levied to cover the amount of federal funds expended on this work, and that the work is sponsored by the town of Franklin. WPA labor will be used.

The sum of \$12,000 was specified in the bond election held on September 20 last year to be used for streets and sidewalks, and this sum was supposed to represent the town's payment of 55 per cent on the project. The allotment announced Wednesday, however, is for a much greater sum which the WPA administration proposes to spend here.

It is believed that work will start as soon as the plans can be perfected and arrangements made between the town officials and the WPA authorities.

Official Order

Following is the official Presidential order as received Wednesday night:

Franklin, Town-Wide \$37,492

Improve streets throughout the town of Franklin, Macon County, including grading and regrading; surfacing and resurfacing; constructing and reconstructing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters; and performing appurtenant and incidental work. No taxes or assessments will be levied to cover the amount of Federal funds expended on this project. In addition to projects specifically approved. City-owned property. Sponsor: Town of Franklin.

Ras Penland Injured In Auto Accident

Ras Penland, of Franklin, suffered a broken shoulder and severe bruises in an automobile accident on Tuesday night near Toccoa, Ga., and Henry Sanders, who was driving the Penland truck, was badly scratched and bruised.

Mr. Penland had been to Greenville, S. C., where he bought four horses and loaded them, and was on his way back to Franklin on the Westminster-Toccoa road when a car going at high speed struck the truck on an embankment at the approach to a bridge. The truck, men and horses were thrown from the embankment and fell 60 feet or more.

One horse was killed but the others were only slightly injured.

It is said that the driver of the speeding car did not slow up, and there is no clue as to his identity.

Two Basketball Games Friday Night

The all-star basketball teams of Franklin will play the high school boys' and girls' teams a double-header Friday night at the high school gym.

The line-up of the all-star teams will be as follows:

BOYS	GIRLS
Archer.....(F).....	Sherrill, E.
Sutton.....(F).....	Weaver
Russell.....(C).....	Duvall
Woodruff.....(G).....	Slagle, M.
Dowdle.....(G).....	Grant

Parish Meeting To Be Held Monday

The annual Parish meeting of St. Agnes church will be held on Monday evening, January 16, at 7:30 o'clock at the rectory.

Officers for the year will be elected and annual reports made.